

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “2 years” and inserting “4 years”.

SA 4413. Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. DAINES) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . IMPROVING THE REVIEW OF DISCHARGES AND DISMISSALS.

(a) INTERAGENCY DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD TASK FORCE.—Section 1553 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(g)(1)(A) There is hereby established a task force on the review of discharges and dismissals under this section.

“(B) The task force established by subparagraph (A) shall be known as the ‘Interagency Discharge Review Board Task Force’ (in this subsection the ‘Task Force’).

“(2) The Task Force shall be composed of the following:

“(A) The Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs of each military department.

“(B) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

“(C) The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

“(D) Such other persons as the Chairperson of the Task Force considers appropriate.

“(3) The Chairperson of the Task Force shall be the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

“(4)(A) The Task Force shall develop strategies to increase the efficacy of reviews of discharges and dismissals under this section.

“(B) In carrying out subparagraph (A), the Task Force shall analyze the following:

“(i) The structures and processes used under this section to review discharges and dismissals and how such structures and processes vary across the military services.

“(ii) Outreach procedures of the Department of Defense for members of the armed forces and veterans transitioning from service in the armed forces to civilian life.

“(iii) Decision notification policies of the boards established under this section.

“(iv) Department of Defense coordination protocols regarding matters relating to reviews of discharges and dismissals under this section with State veterans agencies, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Health and Human Services, and veterans service organizations.

“(v) Such other measures as the Task Force determines may be necessary to ensure continued modernization of the review of discharges and dismissals under section 1553 of title 10, United States Code.

“(5) In this subsection, the term ‘veterans service organization’ means an organization recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38.”

(b) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Section 1553 of such title, as amended by subsection (a), is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(h)(1) Not later than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, the task force established by subsection (g)(1) shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the implementation of this section.

“(2) Each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

“(A) A summary of the activities undertaken by the task force during the most recent fiscal year.

“(B) The number of motions or requests for review received during the last fiscal year by a board established under this section, disaggregated by military service.

“(C) The percentage of such motions and requests that resulted in a correction to upgrade the characterization of discharge or dismissal of a former member of the armed forces.

“(D) The average amount of time between a submittal of a motion or request described in subparagraph (A) and a final decision of a board with respect to the motion or request.

“(3) In this subparagraph, the term ‘appropriate committees of Congress’ means—

“(A) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate; and

“(B) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives.”

(c) NOTICE.—Section 1553 of such title, as amended by subsections (a) and (b), is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which a board established under this section reaches a final decision with respect to correcting a discharge or dismissal of a former member of the armed forces, the board shall transmit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the State agency of the home of the former member (using the most current contract information available to the Secretary of Defense) that has a mission to serve veterans, any legal professional representing the former member, and the former member notice of such decision.”

(d) PRESEPARATION COUNSELING.—Section 1142(b) of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(20) A description of the process for review under section 1553 of this title.”

SA 4414. Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. BLUNT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title V, add the following:

SEC. 576. RECORD OF MILITARY SERVICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) STANDARD RECORD OF SERVICE REQUIRED.—Chapter 59 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1168 the following new sections:

“§ 1168a. Discharge or release: record of military service

“(a) RECORD OF SERVICE REQUIRED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish and implement a standard record of military service for all members of the active and reserve components of the armed forces to encompass all duty under this title and titles 32, and 14.

“(2) DESIGNATION.—The record of service shall be known as the ‘Certificate of Military Service’.

“(b) NATURE AND SCOPE.—The record of service required by subsection (a) shall—

“(1) consist of a standardized summary of the service on active duty, inactive duty, annual training, active duty for training, and State active duty in the armed forces of each member who serves in the armed forces;

“(2) be the same document for all members of the armed forces; and

“(3) replace and serve the same function as a discharge certificate or certificate of release from active duty for purposes of section 1168 of this title that is performed as of the date of the enactment of this Act by Department of Defense Form DD-214.

“(c) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Defense shall coordinate with all applicable stakeholders, including the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in order to ensure that the record of service required by subsection (a) serves as acceptable proof of military service for receipt of applicable benefits under the laws administered by such stakeholders.”

(b) ISSUANCE TO MEMBERS OF RESERVE COMPONENTS.—Chapter 59 of such title, as amended by subsection (a), is further amended by inserting after section 1168a the following new section:

“§ 1168b. Record of military service: issuance to members of reserve components

“An up-to-date record of service (as provided for by section 1168a of this title) shall be issued to members of the reserve components of the armed forces as follows:

“(1) Upon permanent change to duty status (retirement, resignation, Expiration Term of Service, commissioning to officer/warrant officer, or permanent transfer to active duty).

“(2) Upon discharge or release from temporary active duty orders (minimum of 90 days on orders or 30 days for a contingency operation).

“(3) Upon promotion to each grade (starting at O-3 for commissioned officers, W-3 for warrant officers, and E-4 for enlisted members).

“(4) In the case of a member of the National Guard, upon any transfer to the National Guard of another State or territory (commonly referred to as an ‘Interstate Transfer’).”

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATED TO CURRENT DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE AUTHORITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 1168 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking “his discharge certificate or certificate of release from active duty, respectively, and his final pay” and inserting “the member’s record or military service (as provided for by section 1168a of this title), and the member’s final pay”; and

(B) by striking “him or his” and inserting “the member or the member’s”.

(2) HEADING AMENDMENT.—The heading of such section 1168 is amended to read as follows:

“§ 1168. Discharge or release from active duty: limitations; issuance of record of military service”.

(d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 59 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 1168 and inserting the following new items:

“1168. Discharge or release from active duty: limitations; issuance of record of military service.

“1168a. Discharge or release: record of military service.

“1168b. Record of military service: issuance to members of reserve components.”

SA 4415. Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. TESTER, and Mr.

PADILLA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VI, add the following:

SEC. 6. REDUCED RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY AGE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF READY RESERVE CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY FOR CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, AND NUCLEAR (CBRN) RESPONSE MISSIONS.

Section 12731(f) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or (3)” after “paragraph (2)”; and

(2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4);

(3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph (3):

“(3)(A) In the case of a person who as a member of the Ready Reserve performs active service described in subparagraph (B) after March 1, 2009, the eligibility age for purposes of subsection (a)(1) shall be reduced, subject to subparagraph (D), below 60 years of age by three months for each aggregate of 90 days on which such person performs such active service in any fiscal year after March 1, 2009. A day of duty may be included in only one aggregate of 90 days for purposes of this subparagraph.

“(B) Active service described in this subparagraph is service under a call to active duty authorized by the President or the Secretary of Defense under section 502(f) of title 32 with a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) response mission in the continental United States, including the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High Yield Explosive (CBRNE) Consequence Management Reaction Force (CCMRF)/Command and Control CBRN Response Element-Bravo (C2CRE-B) mission.

“(C) If a member described in subparagraph (A) is wounded or otherwise injured or becomes ill while serving on active duty pursuant to a call or order to active duty described in subparagraph (B), and the member is then ordered to active duty under section 12301(h)(1) of this title to receive medical care for the wound, injury, or illness, each day of active duty under that order for medical care shall be treated as a continuation of the original call or order to active duty for purposes of reducing the eligibility age of the member under this paragraph.

“(D) The eligibility age for purposes of subsection (a)(1) may not be reduced below 50 years of age for any person under subparagraph (A).”; and

(4) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by paragraph (2), by inserting “or (3)” after “paragraph (2)”.’

SA 4416. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ COMMERCIALIZATION ACTIVITIES IN THE SBIR AND STTR PROGRAMS.

(a) IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMERCIALIZATION SECTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638) is amended—

(A) in subsection (g)—

(i) in paragraph (4)(B)(i), by striking “1 year” and inserting “180 days”; and

(ii) in paragraph (11), by striking “and” at the end;

(iii) in paragraph (12), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

“(13) with respect to peer review carried out under the SBIR program, to the extent practicable, include in the peer review—

“(A) the likelihood of commercialization in addition to scientific and technical merit and feasibility; and

“(B) not less than 1 reviewer with commercialization expertise who is capable of assessing the likelihood of commercialization.”;

(B) in subsection (o)—

(i) in paragraph (4)(B)(i), by striking “1 year” and inserting “180 days”; and

(ii) in paragraph (15), by striking “and” at the end;

(iii) in paragraph (16), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

“(17) with respect to peer review carried out under the STTR program, to the extent practicable, include in the peer review—

“(A) the likelihood of commercialization in addition to scientific and technical merit and feasibility; and

“(B) not less than 1 reviewer with commercialization expertise who is capable of assessing the likelihood of commercialization.”;

(C) in subsection (cc)—

(i) by striking “During fiscal years 2012 through 2022, the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Education” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—During fiscal years 2022 through 2027, each Federal agency with an SBIR or STTR program”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) LIMITATION.—The total value of awards provided by a Federal agency under this subsection in a fiscal year shall be—

“(A) except as provided in subparagraph (B), not more than 10 percent of the total funds allocated to the SBIR and STTR programs of the Federal agency during that fiscal year; and

“(B) with respect to the National Institutes of Health, not more than 15 percent of the total funds allocated to the SBIR and STTR programs of the National Institutes of Health during that fiscal year.

“(3) EXTENSION.—During fiscal years 2026 and 2027, each Federal agency with an SBIR or STTR program may continue phase flexibility as described in this subsection only if the reports required under subsection (tt)(1)(B) have been submitted to the appropriate committees.”;

(D) in subsection (hh)(2)(A)(i), by inserting “application process and requirements” after “simplified and standardized”; and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

“(vv) TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION OFFICIAL.—Each Federal agency participating in the SBIR or STTR program shall designate a Technology Commercialization Official in the Federal agency, who shall—

“(1) have sufficient commercialization experience;

“(2) provide assistance to SBIR and STTR program awardees in commercializing and transitioning technologies;

“(3) identify SBIR and STTR program technologies with sufficient technology and

commercialization readiness to advance to Phase III awards or other non-SBIR or STTR program contracts;

“(4) coordinate with the Technology Commercialization Officials of other Federal agencies to identify additional markets and commercialization pathways for promising SBIR and STTR program technologies;

“(5) submit to the Administration an annual report on the number of technologies from the SBIR or STTR program that have advanced commercialization activities, including information required in the commercialization impact assessment under subsection (xx);

“(6) submit to the Administration an annual report on actions taken by the Federal agency, and the results of those actions, to simplify, standardize, and expedite the application process and requirements, procedures, and contracts as required under subsection (hh) and described in subsection (xx)(E); and

“(7) carry out such other duties as the Federal agency determines necessary.”.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Small Business Administration shall submit to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives summarizing the metrics relating to and an evaluation of the authority provided under section 9(cc) of the Small Business Act, as amended by subsection (a), which shall include the size and location of the small business concerns receiving awards under the SBIR or STTR program.

(b) IMPROVEMENTS TO TECHNICAL AND BUSINESS ASSISTANCE; COMMERCIALIZATION IMPACT ASSESSMENT; PATENT ASSISTANCE.—Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638), as amended by subsection (a), is amended—

(1) in subsection (q)—

(A) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking “may enter into an agreement with 1 or more vendors selected under paragraph (2)(A)” and inserting “shall authorize recipients of awards under the SBIR or STTR program to select, if desired, commercialization activities provided under subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (2)”; and

(ii) by inserting “, cybersecurity assistance” after “intellectual property protections”;

(B) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following:

“(C) STAFF.—A small business concern may, by contract or otherwise, use funding provided under this section to hire new staff, augment staff, or direct staff to conduct or participate in training activities consistent with the goals listed in paragraph (1).”; and

(C) in paragraph (3), by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

“(A) PHASE I.—A Federal agency described in paragraph (1) shall authorize a recipient of a Phase I SBIR or STTR award to utilize not more than \$6,500 per project, included as part of the award of the recipient or in addition to the amount of the award of the recipient as determined appropriate by the head of the Federal agency, for the services described in paragraph (1)—

“(i) provided through a vendor selected under paragraph (2)(A);

“(ii) provided through a vendor other than a vendor selected under paragraph (2)(A);

“(iii) achieved through the activities described in paragraph (2)(C); or

“(iv) provided or achieved through any combination of clauses (i), (ii), and (iii).

“(B) PHASE II.—A Federal agency described in paragraph (1) shall authorize a recipient of